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DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

NOTIFICATION

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Sub: Dropping of Kishanmali and Lingapadar Bauxite block from the list of blocks allotted to OMC for exploration.

No.1886—SM-AE-ME-0012-2022/S&M.— Whereas, Lingapadar bauxite block (Area: 8.465 Sq.km.) & Kishanmali (Area: 9.701 Sq.km.) bauxite block with other 14 blocks were allotted vide this Department Notification no. 4505, dated the 5th June, 2018 to the erstwhile Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (OMECL) later merged with the Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. (OMC) for carrying out exploration up to G2 level.

Whereas, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi has confirmed that the Kishanmali Block is 192.82 meter away from the PA boundary of Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary and 25% of Lingapadar Block comes under PA and the rest part is inside ESZ of the said Wildlife Sanctuary.

Whereas, the Director (Exploration). OMC has requested to the Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha for de-notification of the aforesaid two mineral blocks from the list of blocks allotted to OMC as exploration work has not yet been started due to delay in obtaining forest clearances.

Whereas, the Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha is also of the view that OMC has not commenced the exploration work in these area because these are very close to the Protected area of Karlapat WL sanctuary and its Eco-sensitive zone.

Now. therefore, after careful consideration, Government have been pleased to drop Lingapadar bauxite block and Kishanmali bauxite block from the list blocks allotted to

OMC-vide this Department Notification no. 4505, dated the 5th June, 2018-for carrying out exploration.

By Order of the Governor

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